EVERYBODY LIKES BUTCH

A STAR-BRIGHT BOOK

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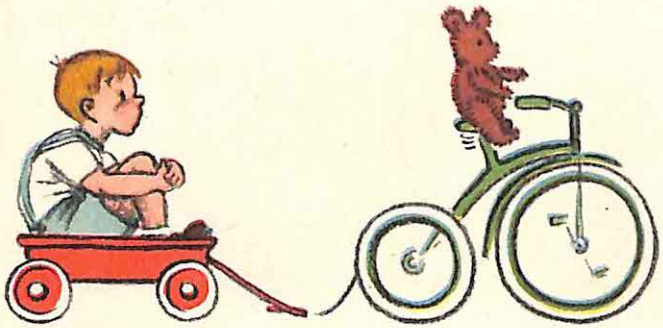

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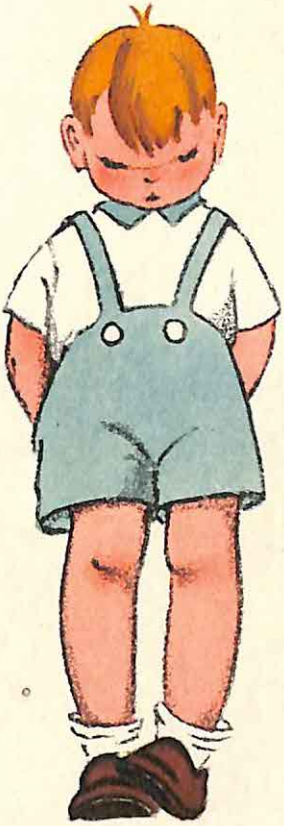

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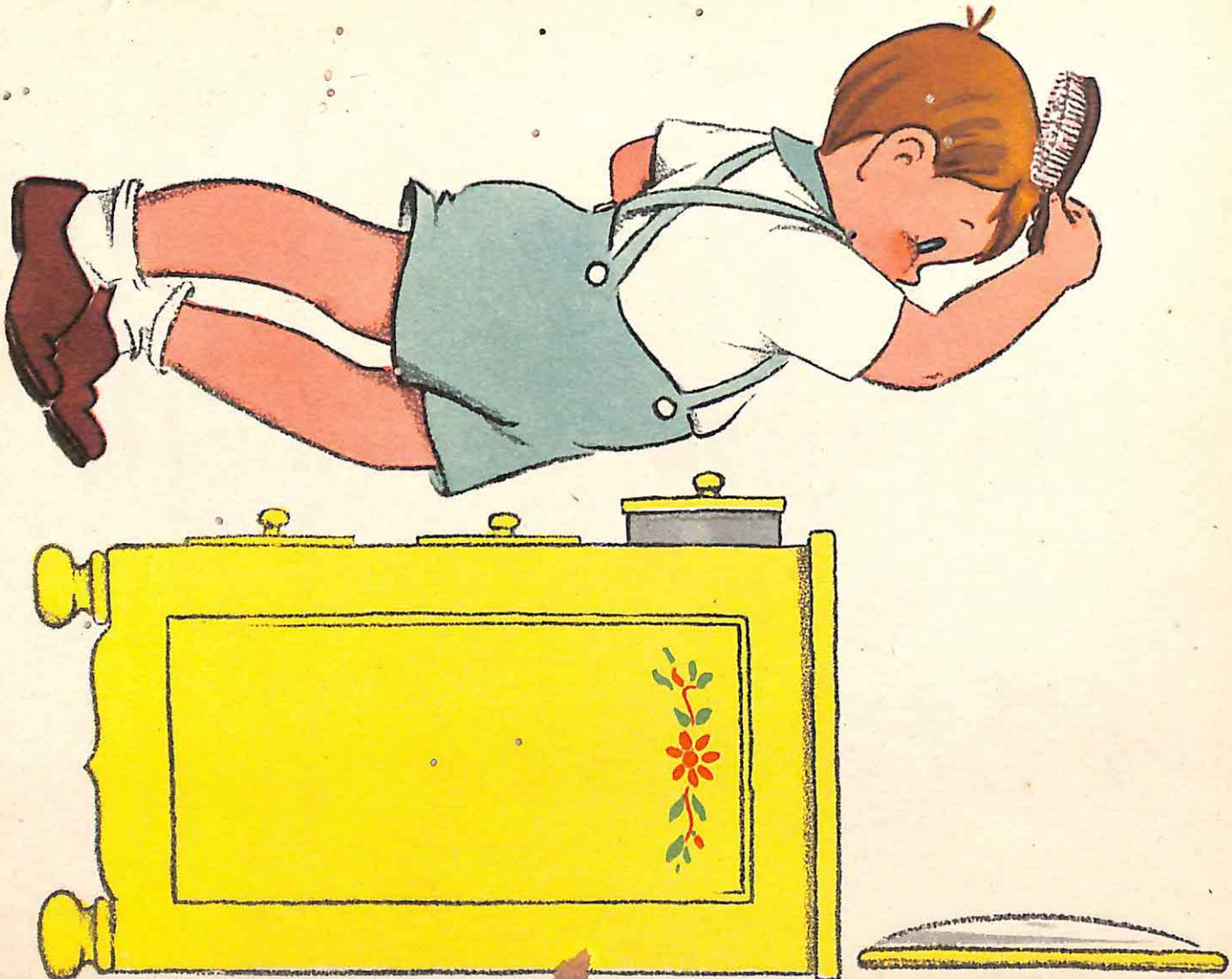
Butch did not have any brothers or sisters. And so every day he played all by himself.

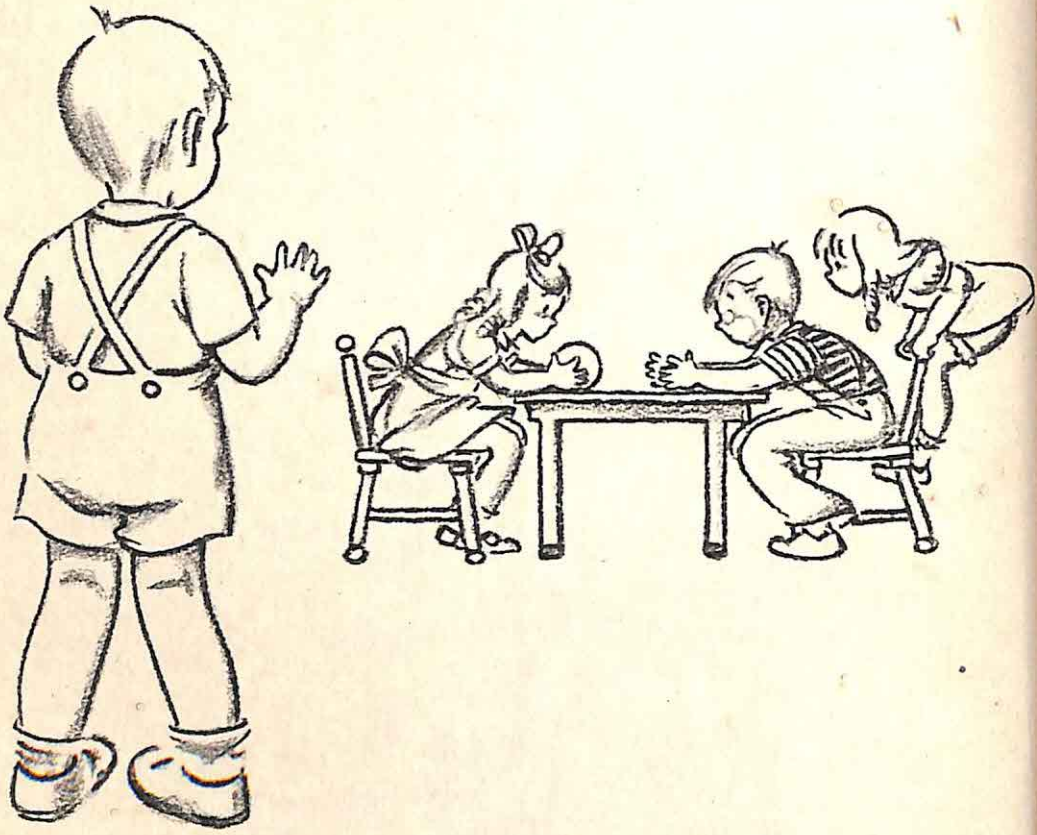
One morning he jumped from his bed and called, "Today is the day I go to kindergarten."

"You will like kindergarten," said Mother. "There will be lots of children to play with."

"Lots of children to play with," called Butch.

His big blue eyes shone. "Hi de ho!" he sang as he dressed.





"Hi de ho," he sang as he stepped into the kindergarten.

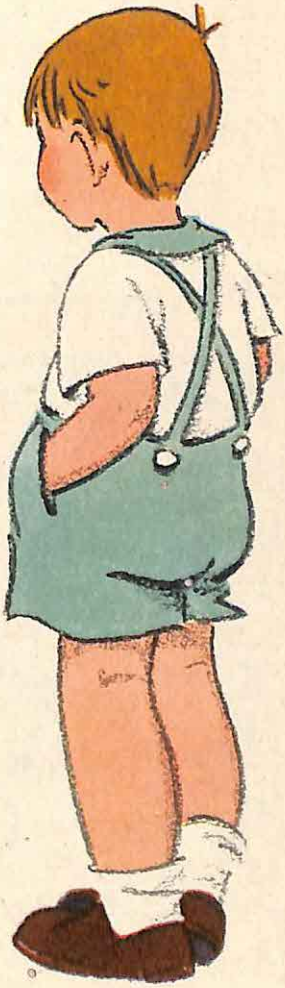
Then Butch's big, blue eyes grew bigger and bigger. There were so many children, and so many toys. There were many, many chairs, too.

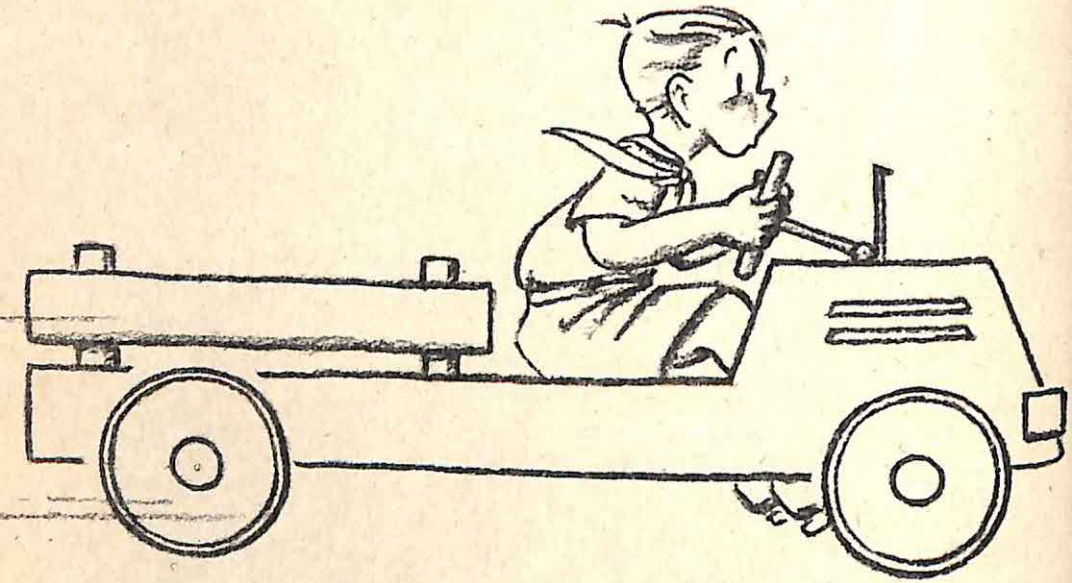
"Chairs," Butch called and ran to a chair.

Miss Sally, the teacher, smiled at him and said, "Hello, Butch. We are playing store. We want you to play with us."

"Come, Butch, come to our store," said Susan.

Butch just looked.

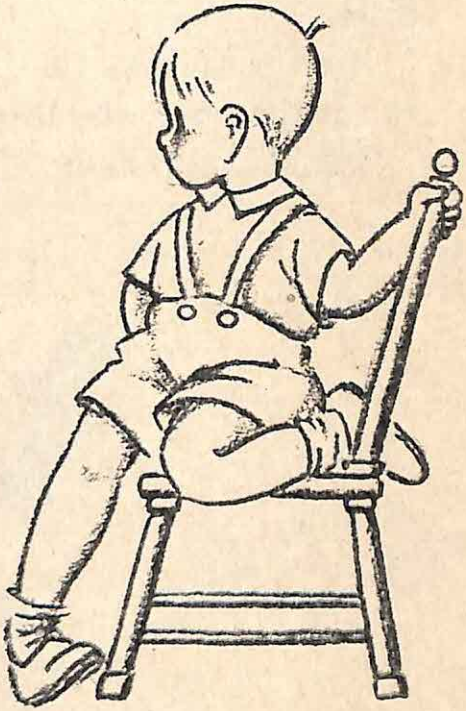




Mary and Susan and John piled the toys in the truck.

Honk! Honk! Honk! John drove the truck around the room. "Kindergarten Grocery Store," he called.

All the children laughed—all but Butch. He sat on his chair and looked, and looked, and looked.



Then he called out. "I want to drive the truck."

"No," said John. "It is my turn to drive the truck."

"I want to drive the truck," called Butch. He ran to the truck and threw the toys on the floor.

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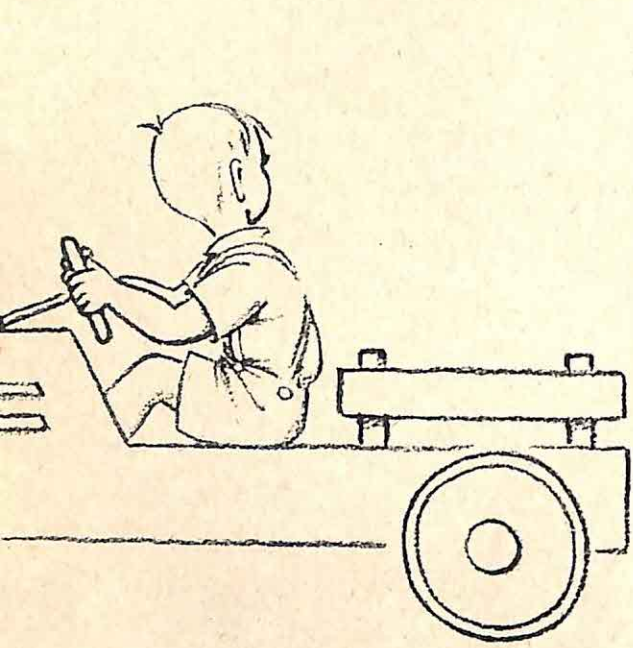
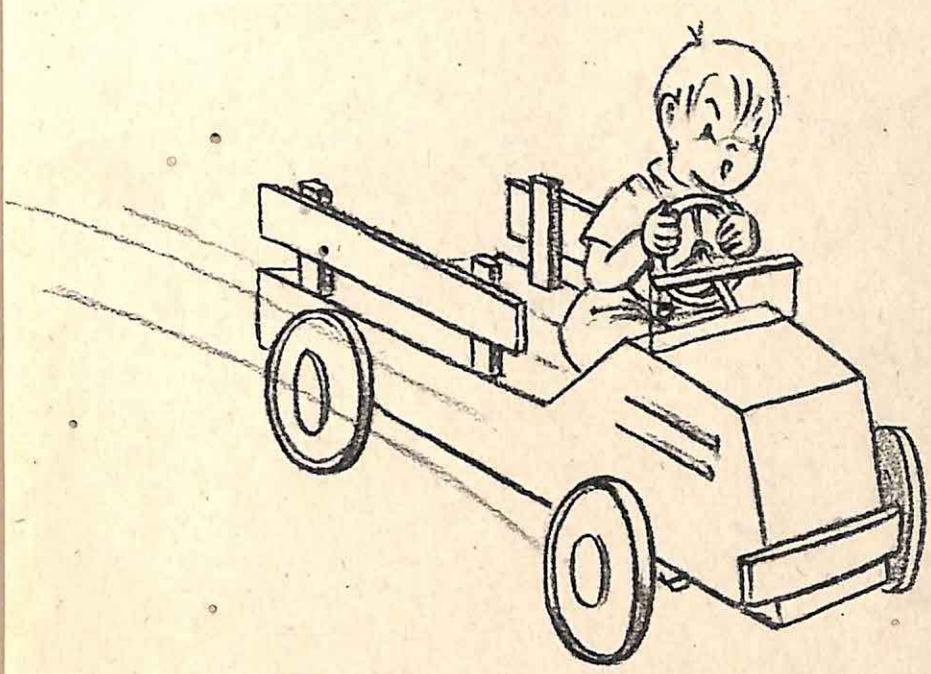


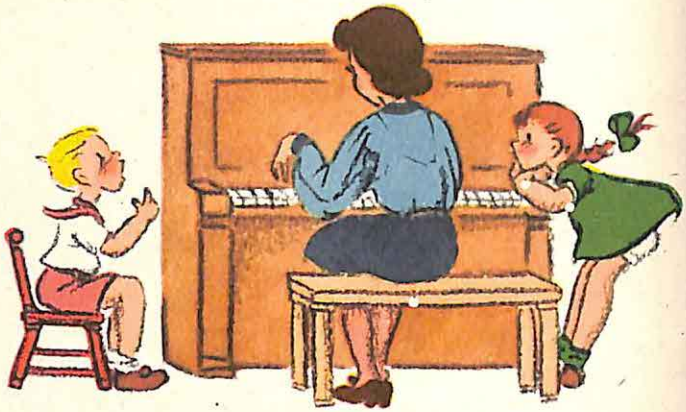
"Come, children," said Miss Sally. "We will let Butch play by himself for a while."

So the children went to their chairs. They did not like this new boy. He did not know how to play.



Honk! Honk! Honk! Butch drove the truck around the room.

"HONK! HONK! HONK! HI DE HO!" he called loudly.



Miss Sally began to play the piano and the children began to sing with her—all but Butch. He just went to his chair and looked.

They sang, "One little pony go, gallop away." Miss Sally smiled at John, who sat in the first chair. He was the first pony.

He galloped away. He galloped and galloped away.

Then the children sang, "Two little ponies go, gallop away."

This time Susan and Mary galloped away.

They galloped and galloped away.

"I want to gallop," Butch called out loud. "I want to gallop."

And without waiting for his turn, he got up from his chair and began to gallop and gallop around the room.

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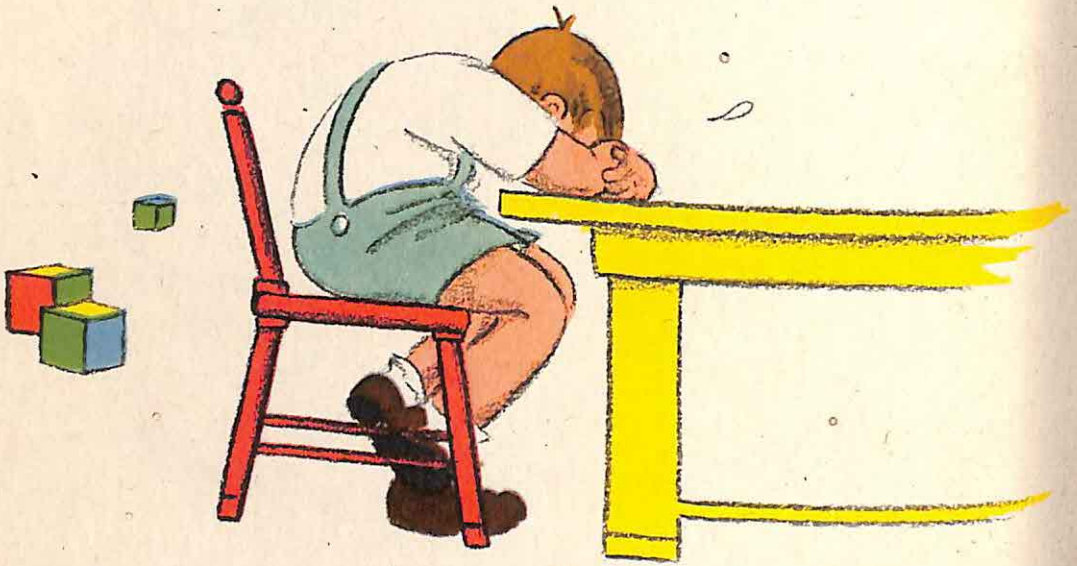
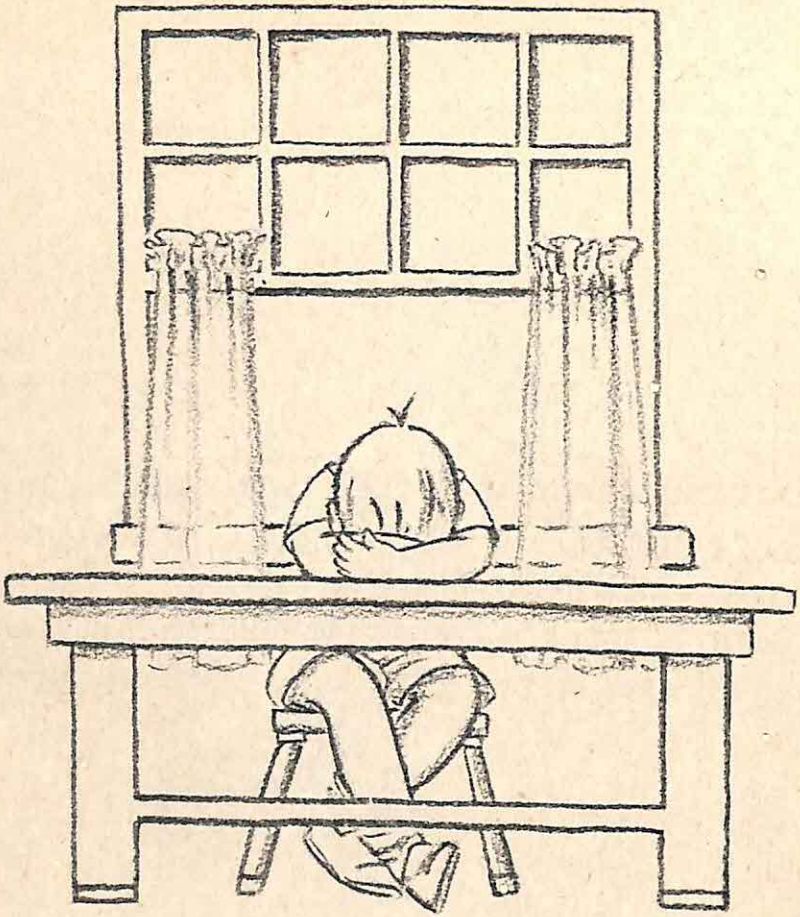


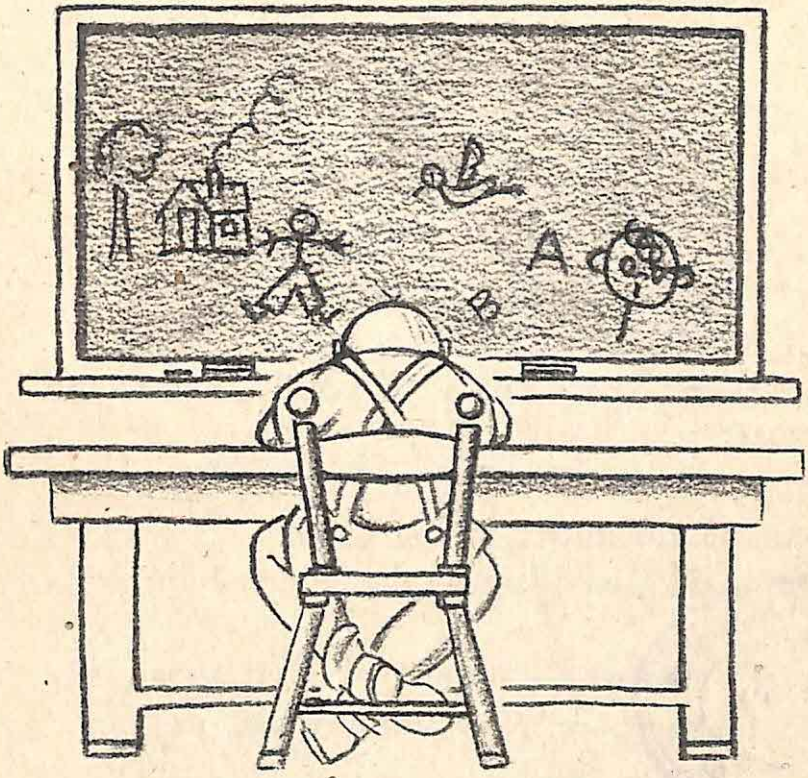
"You must wait for your turn," said Susan.

"You must wait for your turn," said John.

So Butch sat in his chair. Big tears came into his eyes. He did not want the children to see tears in his eyes, so he put his head on the table.



For a long time Butch sat with his head on the table. He heard the children go to their chairs. He heard Miss Sally say, "We will have milk and cookies now."



But Butch did not raise his head.

Butch could hear each child say, "Thank you, Susan," as Susan passed the cookies.

But Butch did not raise his head.

He could hear each child say, "Thank you, John," as John passed the milk.

But Butch did not raise his head.

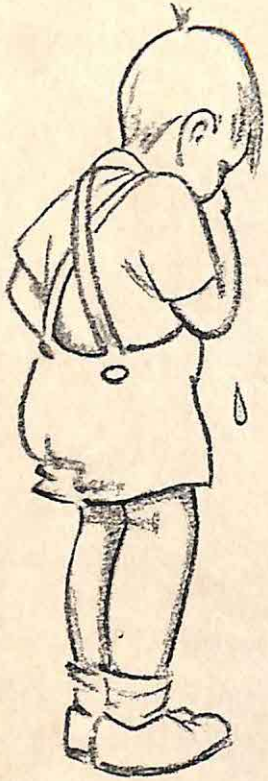
And then he heard a CRASH and a BANG and a BOOM!

Butch raised his head.

John stumbled over a big block.

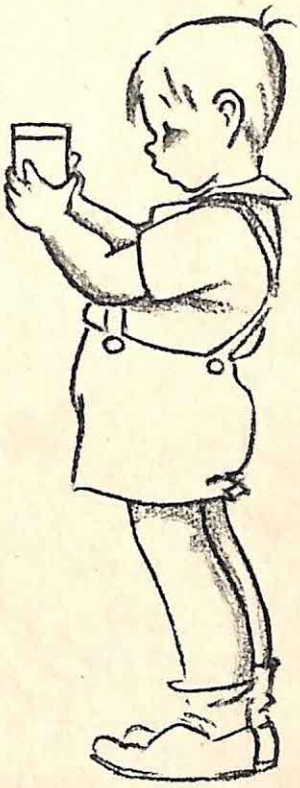
"Oh," said Miss Sally, as she helped John to his feet.

"OH!" said the children. "Butch threw the blocks on the floor. Now, John has no milk, and it is all Butch's fault."



The children looked at Butch and said, "It's all Butch's fault. He threw the blocks on the floor."

Thump, thump, thump, went Butch's heart. It seemed to say, "Give John your milk. Give John your milk."

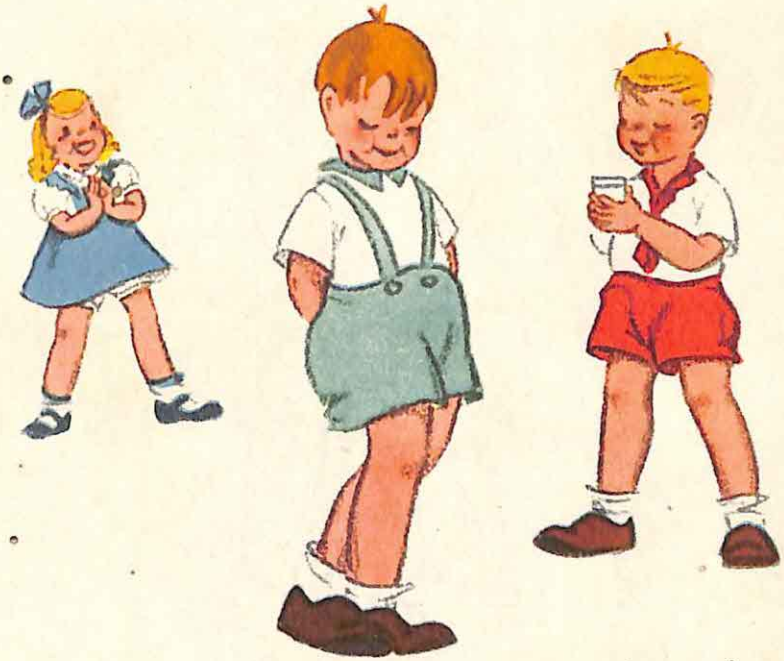


Butch looked at his milk.

Faster and faster went his heart. Thump, thump, thump.

Butch held his glass in his hands. He liked milk. But he did not drink it.

Butch looked at John. Then he looked at his glass of milk. He reached out slowly and handed the glass to John.



John smiled at Butch and said, "Thank you."
Then all the children smiled at Butch.
Butch smiled, too.
"Hi de ho," he sang. "HI DE HO!"
All the children laughed because now they liked Butch.

"Let's play ponies again," called the children after they had finished their milk and cookies.

So Miss Sally and the children began to sing, "One little pony go, gallop away."

All the children sang and Butch's voice was loud and high with the others.

"Three little ponies go, gallop away," sang Miss Sally and this time she smiled and nodded to Butch who was waiting for his turn.

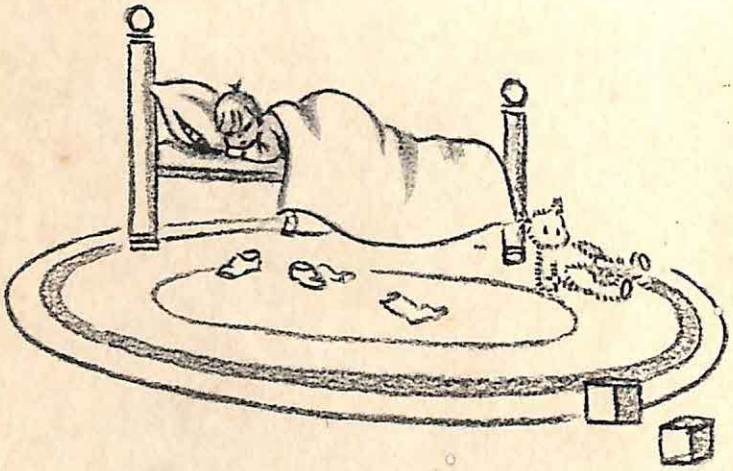
Butch galloped away.

"Hi de ho," he sang.

"Hi de ho," he sang as he galloped and galloped away

"Hi de ho," sang Susan and John.

Everybody liked Butch. He had lots of children to play with now.



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